

for offering the same to the private sector; and

(d) to what extent the production of oil is likely to increase as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (d). While a decision in principle in this regard has been taken the terms and conditions are yet to be determined.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

4657. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the training programmes demonstrations etc. organised by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras during 1990-91;

(b) the expenditure incurred during 1990-91 on these programmes and the financial allocation therefor during 1991-92.

(c) whether any independent review has been made regarding the cost-effectiveness of running these Kendras;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, During the year 1990-91, 9516 Composite Vocational Training Courses were organised to train 207, 446 farmers, farm women, school drop-outs and field level extension workers.

The KVK also conducted 3413 demonstrations on important cereal crops and allied areas and benefitting 1,43,437 farmers, farm women and rural youths.

(b) A sum of Rs. 813.13 lakhs has been incurred on these programmes during the year 1990-91. The financial allocation for the year 1991-92. The financial allocation for the year 1991-92 Rs. 800 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In the past, the functioning of KVK has been reviewed twice by the following two Committees;

- (i) High Level Evaluation Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. Bhattacharya, Ex-Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India in the year 1980.
- (ii) Joint FAO-ICAR Consultancy Mission in 1987.

Both these Evaluation Committees have appreciated the functioning of KVKs and were impressed by their utility to the farmers, farm women and rural youths in providing training and helping them to adopt latest agricultural technology.

(e) Does not arise.

Financial Assistance to CIL

4658. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Coal India Ltd. by the Union Government during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to stop this financial assistance; and